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1. FOLLOWING ITEMS ON ANGOLA APPEARED IN ZAIRIAN PRESS OCTOBER
25 - 28:

2. UNITA SPOKESMAN CHITACUMBI TOLD OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY
(AZAP) REPORTER AT KINSHASA OCTOBER 24 THAT UNITA TROOPS EARLIER
THAT WEEK CAPTURED HYDROELECTRIC DAM AT SALAZAR A MATALE IN SOUTHERN
ANGOLA ENABLING THEM, IF NECESSARY, TO CUT ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY
TO CITY OF SA DA BANDEIRA, WHICH IS NOW UNDER ATTACK FROM PAIVA
CONCEIRO IN EAST, YOA DE ALMEIDA IN SOUTH, AND MOCIAMEDS IN
WEST. CHITACUMBI REFUTED MPLA CHARGE OF SOUTH AFRICAN MERCENARY
INTERVENTION TO EXPLAIN ITS SURPRISE DEFEAT AT PEREIRA DE ECA
PREVIOUS WEEK. SAID MPLA STRATEGY OF SEIZING AND PACIFYING TOWNS
LEAVES UNITA FREE MOVEMENT IN COUNTRYSIDE WHERE IT ENJOYS SYMPATHY
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AND SUPPORT OF LOCAL POPULATION. CLAIMED THAT UNITA IS TRUE MASTER

OF ITS PART OF ANGOLA.

3. APROPOS OF FRANCE INTER JACQUES KAUFMAN'S STATEMENT TO EFFECT FNLA AND UNITA COULD NOT WIN DEMOCRATIC ELECTION, CHITACUMBI URGED KAUF TO ADVISE HIS MPLA FRIENDS TO COOPERATE IN ORGANIZING JUST SUCH AN ELECTION UNDER SUSPICIES OF NEUTRAL OBSERVERS. SAID MPLA IN ANGOLA WOULD BE IN SAME POSITION AS PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY IN LAST ELECTIONS IN PORTUGAL. SAID THAT NETO, PRESSED BY FNLA IN NORTH AND UNITA IN SOUTH, HAS INTRODUCED CUBAN MERCENAIRES, SOME OF WHOM HAD BEEN KILLED IN FIGHT FOR QUIBLA. REGARDING NORTHERN FRONT, CHITACUMBI SAID THAT REFUGEES ARRIVING NOVA LISBOA FROM LUANDA SAID FIGHTING BETWEEN MPLA AND FNLA TROOPS ALREADY TAKING PLACE IN SUBURBS AROUND CAPITAL. WITH REGARD TO SITUATION AFTER NOVEMBER 11, CHITACUMBI SAID MPLA DESIRE TO BRING ANGOLA UNDER INFLUENCE OF SOVIETS AND PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY MAKES SITUATION DIFFICULT.

4. UNITA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED KINSHASA OCTOBER 25 SAID POLITICO-MILITARY SITUATION IN ANGOLA HAD SHIFTED IN ITS FAVOR. CONFIRMED UNITA CAPTURE OF QUIBALA, BOLOMBO, CUMA, AMBUIRA AND OTHER SMALL TOWNS ENROUTE BENGUELA AND PORT OF LOBITO. REPORTED OTHER HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROVINCE OF MOXICO. CLAIMED CUNENE NOW COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY UNITA, AND THAT SA DA BANDEIRO RECAPTURED BY ITS FORCES OCTOBER 25. COMMUNIQUE DEPLORED MPLA USE OF MERCENAIRES. REJECT AFP CORRESPONDENT KAUFMAN'S CHARGE THAT UNITA COULD NOT WIN ELECTION. INSISTED UNITA HAD ALWAYS SOUGHT VERDICT OF PEOPLE, NOW FIGHTING ONLY BECAUSE WAR FORCED UPON IT.

5. FNLA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED KINSHASA OCTOBER 27 NOTED ADMIRAL CORDOSO STATEMENT IN "O SEculo" TO EFFECT THAT, ON NOVEMBER 11, PORTUGAL COULD HAND OVER POWER TO TWO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH SHARE SAME IDEOLOGICAL BASE. COMMUNIQUE ALERTED FNLA FRIENDS, AND WARNED LISBON OF CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD FOLLOW IF SUCH HANDOVER WERE ATTEMPTED. SAID FNLA NOW TAKING ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

6. SEPARATE COMMUNIQUE SAME DATE ANNOUNCED FNLA AND UNITA FORCES HAD DRIVEN MPLA FROM RAIL TERMINAL TOWN OF BENGUELA. SAID THAT, AFTER FALL OF SA DA BANDEIRO, PEREIRO D'ECA AND ROCADAS, LOSS OF BENGUELA DEMONSTRATED COLLAPSE OF MPLA FORCE, WHOSE LEADERS CONFOUNDED BY TOTAL LIQUIDATION OF THEIR FORCES IN REGION NO. 1
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NORTH OF LUANDA. SAID IMMEDIATE FNLA/UNITA OBJECTIVES IN SOUTH REMAIN LIBERATION OF LOBITO AND RECAPTURE OF MOCAMEDES. IN CONCLUSION, COMMUNIQUE SAID FNLA FORCE, CRUSHING ALLOPPPOSITION IN ITS PATH, IS NOW APPROACHING DALATANDO (EX SALAZAR), CAPITAL OF CUANZA-NORTE.
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